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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**JASPER MAN WITH FELONY RECORD CHARGED WITH
POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JAMES E. SCHNELL, 55, of Jasper, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for two counts of felon in possession of firearms and one count of felon in possession of ammunition, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

The indictment alleges that SCHNELL possessed a total of 193 firearms and approximately 37,300 rounds of ammunition on March 10, 2005, and May 10, 2006, after he had been convicted of felony offenses in 1984, for filing a false individual income tax return, and 1992, for possession of a firearm after a felony conviction.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, SCHNELL faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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